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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SI/02)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 06/14/05
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7 are objected to because of the following informalities: In claim 1, line 7, there is no direct antecedent basis for "the groove". In claim 2, it appears the applicant is attempting to recite grooves in inner surface of both glass sheets, however, the language in line 2 after "on" the term "the" should be inserted. In claim 2, line 3, "the at least " should be inserted before "two". In claim 3, last line the word "faxed" should be changed to "fixed". In claim 5, line 3, there is no direct antecedent basis for the "air discharge hole". In claim 7, line 2, the comma after or should be removed. In claim 7, line 4, there is no direct antecedent basis for the (air discharge hole" in relation to this claim being dependent on claim 2. Claim 5 does contain the discharge hole. The examiner believes these issues stemmed from translating the priority document. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation

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under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

4. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

5. Claims 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Collins et al (5657607).

Collins et al discloses a getter material (i.e. degassing device) 7 positioned in a groove 6 on the interior of one of the glass sheets 2. Refer to figures 1 and 2. Collins et al does fail to specifically disclose the getter is adhered to the glass sheet using a low melting glass powder. Collins does disclose low melting glass powder (i.e. solder) used to fix the pump-out tube 12 in position in the unit. Refer to column 6, lines 14-29.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to Collins et al to fix the getter with a low melting glass powder in the groove on the glass sheet since one would not want in to dislodge and move around within the unit. This would keep it in position in the groove. With regards to claim 2-4, it would be obvious to form another groove in the inner surface of the other

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glass sheet, at the same position as the first groove, in order to position the getter since this would merely involve a duplication of parts in that a second groove would be formed.

6. Claims 5-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Collins et al as applied to claims 1-4 and 8 above, and further in view of Collins et al (5891536) .

The primary reference teaches the invention substantially as recited except for the pump-out tube and hole with a concave portion as recited. See the 35 U.S.C. 103 rejection above.

Collins et al '536 discloses to place a pump-out tube 6 in a hole in one of the glass sheets wherein a concave portion 9 is formed at the outer portion of the hole. Refer to figure 1B.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to Collins et al '607 to place a pump-out tube in a hole in one of the glass sheets as recited and taught by Collins et al '536 in order to evacuate the unit. With regards to claim 7, a groove 8 is shown opposite the hole and pump-out tube.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Donald Loney whose telephone number is (571) 272-1493. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri. 8AM-4PM, flex schedule.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rena Dye can be reached on 571 272-3186. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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